

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MYRA L. CRUMPE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of Myra L. Crumpe. Myra was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, and is a product of the New York City public schools. After her high school graduation from Erasmus Hall High, she enrolled in Kingsborough Community College, majoring in business administration.

Myra currently works in the Bedford-Stuyvesant community at JP Morgan Chase Bank as the assistant branch manager. For the past 13 years, she has worked in the banking industry, withstanding several mergers. Her professional dedication to the local businesses has been instrumental in making Chase the No. 1 bank in the community.

Myra has always exemplified a passion for her community. She constantly seeks opportunities to help her fellow neighbors whenever needed. For more than 15 years, Myra was an active member for the Mays Designer Club, working alongside her uncle, Dr. Gerald Deas. She served as president, treasurer, and youth director for that organization whose primary goal was to raise funds to benefit the Sickle Cell Victims' organization. The money raised was donated to various families and hospitals, including Kings County Hospital Center and University Hospital of Brooklyn for the care of African-American children afflicted with the disease.

Myra wanted to do more for her community, so she joined the Stuy Park Lions Club, which is associated with the Lions Club International and Bermuda Foundation, in 1995. She has held various positions with the Lions Club, including treasurer and financial secretary, and is currently the club's president. Myra was also the district governor cabinet treasurer of District 20-K1 and is presently the chairperson for the local Habitat for Humanity.

Myra has also served on several committees and received numerous awards. Myra was recognized by Councilwoman Annette Robinson in 1999 and received the Sheroes Award as a woman who has made a difference. The East Flatbush Friends of Education presented the Booker T. Washington Award to her in 2001. Myra has also received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for dedicated humanitarian services, the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, Lion of the Year Award and various certificates of appreciation.

Myra has been the loving wife of William Crumpe, Jr. for 32 years. She is a devoted mother of two daughters, Keisha and Charlene, and two grandsons, Richard, Jr., and Gurshaan.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of a caring and giving woman.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Myra L. Crumpe.

HONORING MR. PAUL R. DE VAUL

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

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Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of stepping down as the American Legion's junior county commander of Suffolk County, NY, I rise to honor and recognize a good friend, Mr. Paul R. De Vul, for a lifetime dedicated to serving our Nation and the First Congressional District of New York.

For the past year and a half, Paul has worked alongside me in my Long Island office, serving my constituents capably and with steadfast dedication. In addition to his case-work responsibilities, Paul has served four 1-year terms as junior county commander. I commend him for achievements during his tenure and thank him for his contributions to improving the lives of Long Island's veterans.

As a member of my New York office staff, Paul's tireless efforts and dedication are invaluable to our constituent service operation. Paul is known for going the extra mile to help my constituents, particularly veterans.

Paul is a lifetime Long Island resident and currently lives in the town of Bay Shore, Long Island, with his wife, Terri, of 31 years. They have six children, many of whom have followed in his footsteps to serve in either the military or public service.

Paul served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964 and was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the NYS Conspicuous Service Cross.

After working 32 years for Keyspan Energy Corporation, Paul retired in 1999. He joined the American Legion, Bay Shore Post 365 and served as the post's commander for 2 years before first being elected Suffolk County commander in 2002.

In May 2006, Paul brought his knowledge of and experience with veterans' advocacy to my staff. We have benefited from his dedication and work ethic ever since. He has earned our deepest respect and gratitude.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my entire staff and New York's First Congressional District, I thank Paul R. De Vul for his lifelong commitment to veterans and public service. I congratulate him for his many contributions and wish him and his family continued success, good health, and the best of luck.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF
SERGE S. DUARTE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20 years of exemplary service that Serge S. Duarte has given to this great country.

Serge S. Duarte, a native of southern California, is the Deputy Special Agent in Charge in San Diego for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, Office of Investigations.

From March 1987 to 2003, Mr. Duarte served in a variety of management, supervisory, and Federal investigative roles with the U.S. Customs Service. During his first 5 years with Customs, Mr. Duarte conducted extensive undercover investigations penetrating international narcotics trafficking organizations.

In March 2003, the U.S. Customs Service merged under the newly created Department of Homeland Security. Under this new organization, Mr. Duarte oversees a large Federal law enforcement workforce that conducts investigations into terrorism, protection of critical infrastructure, money laundering, commercial fraud, copyright protection, criminal gangs, immigration fraud, cyber crimes, and narcotics smuggling. He is responsible for enforcement operations that have identified and removed over 500 unauthorized aliens illegally working at airports, military installations, Government shipyards and other critical infrastructure facilities in San Diego. Additionally, over 100 persons in the San Diego area involved in sexual predation and child pornography have been arrested or deported. Finally, he oversees investigations into criminal organizations that are responsible for the illegal transfer of military aircraft hardware and restricted technology from the United States to Iran, China and other proscribed countries.

Mr. Duarte received a masters in public administration from National University in 2003. He is also a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar and the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, VA, and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He is the Chair of the Border Research Technology Center Advisory Council, and a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Area Maritime Security Council, the National Tactical Officers Association, the California Narcotic Officers Association, the Intelligence and National Security Alliance, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

On behalf of the people of the United States, whom Serge Duarte spent a career serving, I thank him for his service and commitment to the defense of our Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO WILMA BEST

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Wilma Best. Wilma McGlothlin was born in Excelsior, WV, to Sylvester McGlothlin and Inez Tarvant-McGlothlin.

Wilma, who was educated in the Excelsior School System, excelled in her studies and

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